

Kansas. The latter may join us after a while.

Because of circumstances with which we felt unable to cope, we became separated from direct fellowship with the Brethren church for nearly three years. We sought and obtained fellowship in the Christian church at Morrill, Kansas. This fellowship was peaceful and kind, and soul refreshing sermons were enjoyed, but as circumstances made it possible to again stand in communion with the Brethren church, we have availed ourselves of the privilege and cast our lot with the church at Roann, Ind.

While we are not favorably inclined toward changing with every wind that blows, yet circumstances may compel us, sometimes, in that direction. Nearly forty years ago, yet quite young, we were baptized by Elder Enoch Eby, of Illinois. Fundamentally our faith has never changed. We believe the gospel of Jesus to be all sufficient in faith and doctrine, a truth to which we tenaciously clung when becoming a charter member of the Brethren church in its organization at Dayton, Ohio, nearly fifteen years ago. Before the onward march of God's Fatherhood, man's brotherhood and general Christlike intelligence must finally vanish ignorance, superstition and bigotry. May God hasten such a glorious era.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Akron, Ind.

I am at work for the Master. One more accession at Dutch Town. Nearly enough subscription to build. The calls are many. My labors are crowned with success. The Lord gives me health, grace and strength. My friends encourage me with words and letters. The State Mission Board supply my financial wants. But the churches, "O where are they?" "Standing on the promises" I suspect.

B. H. FLORA, State Evangelist.

Conemaugh, Pa.

It becomes my sad duty to chronicle the death of sister Elizabeth Yeager, aged 52 years and 7 months. She had been indisposed for several weeks, but no one thought she was in any immediate danger; but on Saturday morning, the 15th, about 2 A. M., she became much worse and it was not long until it was discovered that her heart had ceased its pulsations, and all that could be done for her was of no avail. At about 8:30 A. M., she passed away quietly and peacefully. She died in the triumphant faith of the Brethren church. The writer was sent for, but too late to anoint her. A little more than a year ago her only three sons, two married, and their wives, and one single, identified themselves with the Brethren church at this place. Her husband is a member of the conservative church, but he is a good open hearted Christian brother, and has a warm spot in his heart for the Brethren church. A little more than a year ago two of his sons and their wives became members of our beloved church also. A

large concourse of friends attended her funeral. She was loved and respected by many. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by brother John Harrison of the Conservative church, from Phil. 1:21. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

J. F. KOONTZ.

Gravelton, Ind.

The S. S. C. E. met at Sister Smith's January 5. As is our custom we opened our meeting with singing and prayer and having no work to do, we made arrangements to send Brother McFaden a barrel of goods. God bless Brother McFaden and all his helpers.

MARGRET CLARK.

Milford, Ind.

I will endeavor to give you some news of the work done here. The work is moving along slowly but surely. We held a meeting of almost three weeks with a good crowd all the time and very attentive to the preaching of the Word. The church has been strengthened and good seed has been sown; in due time will come the harvest if we fully trust him. On the first Sunday of our meeting one came out and later two more, making three in all. At the close of the meeting on the last night the church worked up a donation and a surprise on the pastor. There were some sixty went over after church to see him come home. We had a good social time. Hope he and the family may enjoy the blessing of this life and the life to come. Our pastor is going away to school at Valparaiso, the 18th of this month, but he will still preach for us every two weeks. Our Sunday-school is doing nicely. We have good officers and teachers, so I hope the work will move along. I feel that God is at work among his people by the spirit that is manifested.

Just before Christmas the church and the Sister's society sent three barrels of provision and clothing to the Chicago Mission to help the poor. Our society is doing a good work. At our last tea we made one dollar and fifteen cents; the one before this, one dollar and fifty five cents. The church got a heater for the baptistry for which the sisters gave five dollars, and ten dollars to State Evangelist. We are to pay fifty dollars to the pastor's salary. We have paid up so far. With God's help we will make the rest of the money. Our young people's meeting is doing a good work, but still room for improvement. So God's work goes on. If we fully trust him for our needed strength, he is always willing to help us if we try to help ourselves. Your paper is a welcome visitor at my home.

MRS. W. J. ORN.

Rockwell, Kans.

I will try to give you a report of our meetings, held at Maple Grove church, beginning Jan. 2, closing Jan. 11, conducted by brother C. Forney. Meetings were well attended and attention was good. The result was

eight precious souls were made to see their danger and came over on the Lord's side. As Brother Forney could not remain any longer, the work was left unfinished. Brethren pray for us that we may work for the interest of our Lord.

ETTA NEDROW.

Gleanings From the Wayside

Closed our meeting at College Corner with two additions to the church. Good interest, good meetings and the ship moves on. We have moved our battery to Maple Grove and planted it in faith believing that victory will crown our efforts. Brethren pray for us.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

Items of Interest

—It is interesting to note that the capital value of the British navy at the present time exceeds \$470,000,000. The first cost of the fleet which led to the downfall of Napoleon was but \$50,000,000.

—An ordinance in Cleveland permits a Hebrew who observes the Sabbath on Saturday to keep his billiard saloon open on Sunday, but fines Gentiles who may play billiards therein.

—Miss Ludie Steele, of Barbourville, has been appointed a member of the Kentucky State Board of Examiners. She is the first woman in the state to occupy such a place. Miss Steele is only twenty-two years old.

—Rev. John Paton, the missionary to the Hebrides, reports an ingathering of 1,120 souls during the last twelve months. Over such good news we might well sing the doxology one thousand one hundred and twenty times. This is a glorious harvest.

—About a mile and a half north of Springfield, Ill., Abraham Lincoln lies buried under a towering pile of marble, granite and bronze. The height of his monument is 120 feet. The cost was \$250,000, the money being collected through popular contributions. Several attempts have been made to steal the body. Not until the leaden coffin was sunk deep in the crypt and covered with six feet of concrete did the robbers desist.

—Rev. Mr. Akin, pastor of the flock of Bethel church, Sunday night took for his theme "His Satanic Majesty." He is an eloquent man, and he painted the arch-fiend in vivid colors. At the climax of the description a being, dressed to represent a devil, with large head and switching tail, ambled up the aisle, blowing smoke from his nostrils and bellowing, "I am the devil and I want all of you!"

The audience became panic stricken. Men, women and children were hurled to the floor and trampled upon in the mad rush for the door. In the confusion the stove was upset and the building caught fire. Before the horrified members regained their senses, the fire had gained such headway that all the attempts to save the church were in vain.

This morning George Akin, son of the pastor, confessed that he, with the help of other boys, rigged up a devil suit, and, knowing the subject of his father's sermon, concealed himself behind a chair and awaited the arrival of the audience.

—The annual report of the trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge, just submitted, contains some interesting facts. The receipts from tolls were \$1,240,861.24; the number of passengers carried on the railroad was 45,542,627; 370 persons were arrested on the bridge for various offences, the majority of them, 192, being for intoxication; 107 were accidentally injured, 69 were taken ill, and one died; four persons jumped from the bridge into the river, two of them were killed, one slightly injured, and the other escaped without injury; there were 46 runaways on the roadway; and three vessels were deprived of their topmasts while passing under the structure.